IN THE HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Writ Petition No. 235 /2003.

PETITIONER : Mohd. Ibrahim S/o Late Shri Mohd. Kasim, resident of Fundardihari Nawapara at & Post - Ambikapur, Distt. Surguja (C.G.).

V E R S U S

RESPONDENTS : (1) The State of Chhattisgarh Through : Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, D.K.Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.).

(2) Deputy Commissioner, Tribal Welfare Department, Ambikapur, Distt. Surguja (C.G.).

(3) Collector, Ambikapur, Distt. Surguja (C.G.).

(4) The State of Madhya Pradesh Through : The Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal (M.P.).

P.R. No. 126/03 Presented by Shri Dr. N. Pandey dated 13-02-2003

WRIT PETITION UNDER Article 226/227 OF THE CONSTITU-TION OF INDIA :

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Shri D.N. Prajapati, Advocate for the petitioner.

Shri Sandeep Dubey, Govt. Advocate for the State of Chhattisgarh.

Heard.

By this petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner has sought compassionate appointment.

Brief facts are that the father of the petitioner was Peon in Tribal Welfare Department, who died on 16/1/1971, while in service. At the time of his death, the petitioner was minor. On attaining the age of majority of the petitioner, his mother applied for compassionate appointment to the petitioner in the year 1994. The said application was rejected vide order dated 31/10/1994 (Annexure-P/5). Thereafter, the present petition was filed in the year 2003, which is highly belated. No reasonable explanation has been offered for such long delay.

It has to be remembered that the appointment on compassionate ground is not a source of recruitment but merely an exception to the requirement of making appointments on open invitation of application on merits. Basic intention is that on the death of the employee concerned his family is not deprived of the means of livelihood. The object is to enable the family to get over sudden financial crisis.

In *Life Insurance Corporation of India vs. Asha Ramchhandra Ambekar (Mrs.) and another* reported in *(1994) 2 SCC 718*, it was pointed out that Courts cannot confer benediction impelled by sympathetic consideration to make appointments on compassionate grounds when the regulations framed in respect thereof do not cover and contemplate such appointments.

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In the case of *Smt. Sushma Gosain and others vs. Union of India and others* reported in *(1989) 4 SCC 468* it was observed that in all claims of appointment on compassionate grounds, there should not be any delay in appointment. The purpose of providing appointment on compassionate ground is to mitigate the hardship due to death of the bread-earner in the family. Such appointments should, therefore, be provided immediately to redeem the family in distress. The fact that the ward was a minor at the time of death of his father is no ground, unless the Scheme itself envisages specifically otherwise, to state that as an when such minor becomes a major he can be appointed without any time consciousness or limit.

The above view was reiterated in the cases of *Phool Wati (Smt.) vs. Union of India and Others* reported in *1991 Supp (2) SCC 689* and *Union of India and others vs. Bhagwan Singh* reported in *(1995) 6 SCC 476*.

In the case of *Director of Education (Secondary) and another vs. Pushpendra Kumar and others* reported in *(1998) 5 SCC 192* it was observed that in matter of compassionate appointment there cannot be insistence for a particular post. Out of purely humanitarian consideration and having regard to the fact that unless some source of livelihood is provided the family would not be able to make both ends meet, provisions are made for giving appointment to one of the dependants of the deceased who may be eligible for appointment. Care has, however, to be taken that provision for ground of compassionate employment which is in the nature of an exception to the general provisions does not unduly interfere with the right of those other persons who are eligible for appointment to seek appointment against the post which would have been available, but for the provision enabling appointment being made on compassionate grounds of the dependant of the deceased

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employee. As it is in the nature of exception to the general provisions, it cannot substitute the provision to which it is an exception and thereby nullify the main provision by taking away completely the right conferred by the main provision.

In the case of *Commissioner of Public Instructions and others vs. K.R. Vishwanath* reported in *JT 2005 (8) SC 33* also the Apex Court has taken the same view.

The Apex Court in the case of *National Hydroelectric Power Corporation and another vs. Nanak Chand and another* reported in *2004 AIR SCW 6339* has also held as under:

> "It is to be seen that the appointment on compassionate ground is not a source of recruitment but merely an exception to the requirement regarding appointments being made on open invitation of application on merits. Basic intention is that on the death of the employee concerned his family is not deprived of the means of livelihood. The object is to enable the family to get over sudden financial crises."

Having considered the facts and circumstances of the cases, material on record and in view of the law laid down by the Apex Court in the aforesaid cases, not a case for exercising extraordinary jurisdiction by this Court under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India.

The petition fails and is accordingly dismissed.

Sd/-
Fakhruddin
Judge

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